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SUBJECT: HRC-REQUEST BY CHAIRMAN ALLANA OF HRC INVESTIGATIVE GROUP FOR CHILE

REF: GENEVA 6304

1. REQUEST AMBASSADOR DISCUSS WITH APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIAL PROPOSALS MADE IN REFTEL. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO GESTURE OF COOPERATION WITH HRC WORKING GROUP, WHICH APPEARANCE OF APPROPRIATELY HIGH RANKING GOC OFFICIAL BEFORE WORKING GROUP WOULD DEMONSTRATE. IN EXPLAINING OUR INTEREST IN THIS MATTER YOU SHOULD RECALL CLOSE COOPERATION WHICH WAS MAINTAINED BY OUR TWO CONFIDENTIAL

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DELEGATIONS AT THE HRC SESSION IN GENEVA EARLIER THIS YEAR AND STRESS EFFORTS MADE BY US DELEGATION TO ACHIEVE APPROVAL OF WORKING GROUP WHICH WAS ACCEPTABLE TO GOC IN COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE. IN USDEL'S CONTACTS

WITH OTHER DELS AT GENEVA DURING NEGOTIATION OF HRC RESOLUTION, USDEL RELIED HEAVILY ON GOC ASSURANCES OF ACCEPTANCE OF AND COOPERATION WITH WORKING GROUP. OUR TWO DELEGATIONS WERE IN AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME THAT RESULT ACHIEVED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP EFFECTIVELY AVOIDED MOST LIKELY ALTERNATIVE WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN STRONG CONDEMNATION OF GOC HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES. AS

STATED TO HRC BY CHILE OBSERVER AMB. DIEZ, WORKING GROUP PRESENTED OPPORTUNITY FOR GOC TO MAKE KNOWN TO WORLD TRUE PICTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE. IN OUR VIEW COOPERATIVE RECEPTION BY GOC OF WORKING GROUP COULD HAVE LED TO INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF CHILE'S PROBLEMS IN UN FORUMS.

2. AMBASSADOR SHOULD FURTHER STRESS OUR CONCLUSION THAT GOC SUDDEN DECISION TO BAR VISIT OF WORKING GROUP TO CHILE AS WELL AS REFUSAL TO CONSIDER RESCHEDULING A VISIT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY LEAD TO PROPOSALS FOR EXTREME MEASURES AGAINST CHILE AT UPCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY. OUR ABILITY TO COUNTER SUCH MOVES AS WELL AS TO INTRODUCE MEASURE OF MODERATION INTO RESOLUTIONS WHICH MAY BE PROPOSED WILL BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED IN THE ABSENCE OF SOME GESTURE OF COOPERATION BY GOC WITH HRC WORKING GROUP. WE CONSEQUENTLY STRONGLY URGE THAT GOC DECIDE TO SEND APPROPRIATE HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL TO PRESENT CHILE'S CASE TO WORKING GROUP BEFORE EXPIRATION OF DEADLINE INDICATED IN REFTEL.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON ADDITIONAL MEASURES GOC MIGHT TAKE TO IMPROVE THEIR POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION THIS SUBJECT BY GA.

4. FYI. SUBJECT AROSE AUGUST 14 IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN OFFICE DIRECTOR ARA/BC AND FEDERICO WILLOUGHBY, PRESIDENTIAL PRESS ADVISER. HE SAID APPARENT INERTIA REFLECTS SEVERAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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A. WHY SHOULD THE GOC DIGNIFY THE ALLANA REPORT BY APPEARING BEFORE HIS GROUP OR SUBMITTING WRITTEN INFORMATION?

B. HE THOUGHT SCHEDULE FOR GENEVA GROUP WOULD NOT ALLOW TIME FOR GOC TO PREPARE ADEQUATELY. HE THOUGHT GOC WOULD SEEK TO BUY TIME UNTIL IT DECIDES ON HOW TO HANDLE THE ISSUE.

C. HE ENDORSED SERGIO DIEZ AS THE LOGICAL CHOICE TO DEAL WITH ALLANA. END FYI. SISCO

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